

FISCAL NOTE

SB 238 - HB 757

April 3, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Office of Legislative Information Systems to develop a computer program enabling roll-call votes taken on a bill or resolution by a subcommittee or committee of the general assembly or a roll-call vote of the Senate and the House of Representatives to be posted in a timely fashion on the Internet through the website maintained by the general assembly. The posting of such votes shall be implemented beginning with the 103rd General Assembly and posted within 24 hours of the vote taken on the bill or resolution.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$100,000 One-Time
\$55,000 Recurring FY02-03 and Thereafter**

Estimate assumes:

- one-time costs for lap top computers for hearing rooms of approximately \$2,000 each. Additional expenses would be for computer programming changes to enable roll-call votes to be posted on the Internet site. Such changes would include the development of reporting formats and interfaces, including interfacing the electronic votes taken on the floor of the House and Senate with the legislative information systems. The amount of expenditures will depend on the amount of programming that can be accomplished using legislative staff and problems encountered in the system development. This increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be less than \$100,000.
- recurring expenditures reflect a need for five part-time positions and associated expenses to enter each roll-call vote, using a lap top computer, into the legislative information system. One staff person would be assigned to each committee room to comply with the bill's requirement that such data be entered within 24 hours. Estimate is for salary and operational expenses for five months.

For information purposes, the most efficient method to record all roll-call votes and transmit such data to the internet would be to install equipment and software capable of recording and transmitting each member's vote, in each committee room, directly to the legislative information system and to the internet. The cost to install such systems would require a significant one-time investment of state dollars

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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